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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO GOV. EVANS OF WASHINGTON

1. WE UNDERSTAND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN THE PROGRAM OF RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. THIS IS MOST ENCOURAGING TO ALL OF US HERE.

2. DEPENDING UPON YOUR DESIRES AND CAPABILITIES, WE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN SOON PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIETNAMESE AT CAMP PENDLETON TO RESETTLE IN YOUR STATE, UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. THIS SPONSORSHIP IS A NECESSARY PROCEDURAL STEP TO ENABLE THE INS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTURE OF THE VIETNAMESE FROM THE RECEPTION CENTER. SPONSORSHIP HAS BEEN HELD IN COURT TO BE A MORAL OBLIGATION ONLY. SEE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL UNCLASSIFIED

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HYGIENE OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA VERSUS RENEL 188 N.Y.S.

2D 186 (1959). THE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF THE ACCEPTED PEOPLE WOULD BE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE TOTAL FEDERAL PROGRAM FOR THEIR RESETTLEMENT. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL NOT IMPINGE IN ANY WAY ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCES. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING

FROM THE CONGRESS ON AN URGENT BASIS TO PROVIDE: RESETTLEMENT, HEALTH, INCOME MAINTENANCE, AND SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDS TO REIMBURSE 100 PERCENT OF THE COSTS INCURRED FOR THESE SERVICES. THERE WILL BE SOME INCREASE IN EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES INVOLVED, BUT IT IS EVERYONE'S EXPECTATION THAT THESE PEOPLE WILL RAPIDLY BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS PAYING THEIR OWN WAY. THERE IS CERTAINLY NO REASON TO THINK OTHERWISE FROM THE CHARACTER OF VIETNAMESE WE HAVE SEEN THUS FAR.

3. AGAIN DEPENDING UPON YOUR DESIRES, WE COULD BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS WITH AN INITIAL NUMBER OF 500 REFUGEES. THE FAMILIES TO BE RESETTLED COULD BE SENT TO YOU IN INCREMENTS OF LESS THAN 100 INDIVIDUALS AT ONE TIME AND AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. DETAILS OF TRANSPORTATION AND DISPATCH CAN BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN YOUR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT PENDLETON THROUGH OUR CIVIL COORDINATOR, MR. BILL WILD, (TELEPHONE 714-725-7007).

4. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO PLAY SUCH A KEY ROLE IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF THESE VICTIMS OF THE VIET-NAM TRAGEDY. WHAT YOU WILL DO IS IN THE FINEST TRADITION OF OUR COUNTRY. L. DEAN BROWN, THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTOR OF THE INDO-CHINA INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE. KISSINGER

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